



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ♦ 1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 ♦ Phone: 343-3453

November 16, 2025

Visit www.popportage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@popportage.org

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE.

You will find a Welcome Table in the Gathering Space with information about our ministries and our life together. Hearing Aid devices are available from the Ushers. Newsletter Deadline is the **3rd Thursday of the month.**

SUNDAY EVENTS

Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.



COMING SOON



Portage Community

Thanksgiving Worship Service and Pie Potluck

Sunday, November 23
at 5:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
10441 Shaver Road, Portage, MI

The office will be closed in observance the
Thanksgiving holiday on
Thursday, November 27 and
Friday, November 28.

During this time the floors will be stripped and wax, so please refrain from coming to the church that weekend.

Advent Dinner and Service

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00p.m.



Annual POP Holiday Hors d'Oeuvres Party

Friday, December 5 at 7pm at Pete and Michelle Eldridge's lovely historic home in downtown Kalamazoo.

The sign up to bring an appetizer or beer is out!
The Fellowship committee will provide the wine & desserts.



Adult faith formation (9:15am on Nov 23-Dec 14) -

Supporting Civil Discourse

This four-session series equips adults to engage in civil, faith-centered dialogue in both church and everyday life. Participants explore how listening, respect, and honesty reflect our discipleship and embody Christ's love in a divided world. We will use principles from the book "Crucial Conversations," alongside Scripture and the ELCA's 2025 social statement "Faith, Civic Life, and the Church."

Next week (11/23), we will start by thinking of what we want from conversation, and share some ideas for the navigating upcoming holiday gatherings.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, November 16 Youth @ Charge

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Gingerbread House Decorating

Monday, November 17

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, November 18

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Monelli's
2:00p Alpha Delta Kappa - Social Hall & Kitchen
5:30p Property Committee - Zoom
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, November 19

10:00a Book Club - Peace Lounge
10:00a Pray Without Ceasing - Youth Room
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Project Connect
7:00p Church Council meeting - Zoom

Thursday, November 20 Newsletter Deadline

9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo
7:00p Choir

Friday, November 21

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
11:00a Library Committee - Library

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King Sunday

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
5:30p Community Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social @ the Unitarian Universalist Church on Shaver Rd.

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **We need food for our little red wagon to go to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.** We encourage non-perishable healthy foods and proteins of 6 grams or more.
- ◆ **A big thank you** for filling up the Loaves and Fishes Red Wagon donations. Please continue to remember to donate at this time of real need.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Today is the last day to sign up for December in the Gathering Space.

Roles to be filled. . .acolytes, worship assistant, reader, ushers, communion assistant, prayer station, nursery volunteer, tech assistants, or fellowship host(s).

You will be trained &/or paired with an experienced volunteer!

Sign up for the position, and day you want to serve.

Sign up link! <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>

Advent is almost here and it's time to start thinking about those treasures that mean Christmas to your family. You (individuals or families) are invited to bring your nativity display to church on Sunday, December 7, to share with the congregation. Tables will be placed in the Gathering Space for your display. A signup will be coming soon.

Each family will be responsible for setting up their display and staying with it after the service to share its meaning to your family and any other details that make it special.



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Pray Without Ceasing

Join us every Wednesday at 10 am here at church to pray together as part of nationwide prayer movement. For more information, contact Laurie Brown or Em Witteveen. For more information on the Pray Without Ceasing movement, visit pray-without-ceasing.org.

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102538282?pwd=L4MlXRUcrPcMjoQ7sI7I4FoJiLzutc.1>

Take a turn filling the Blessing Box.

It needs to be filled *daily*. Items will be sorted into bags so it is as simple as taking a bag from the storage area & placing the items in the box out front by the sign. If you don't have building access, it is easiest to come during regular office hours 9 AM – 4 PM. Staff can also buzz people in from off-site if you need to arrive outside of office hours.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybfd3sx8>



Use this QR code to

make your contribution to Prince of Peace. Just follow the instructions when you scan the code.



Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Those with Health Concerns

- Ann Lindahl - hand surgery
- Dick Hewitt - eye surgery
- Diane Snyder - broken arm
- Linda Sue Boeschstein - leg issues
- Gena Baldwin - cancer reoccurrence
- Sue Grinder- knee replacement
- Kristie Zimmerman - cancer

Others with Concerns:

- Larry Meier - bone cancer - Gloria Beatty's nephew
- Lauren - cancer - Joeline Pederson's daughter
- Dan Deming - cancer treatment - Jon Deming's uncle
- Bill Albregts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albregts-Klemm
- Laura Iseler - metastatic cancer - friend of Andrea Seguin
- Eileen Mitchell - hospital - Jolaine Snyder's aunt
- Susie Hill - stroke - Janet Hill's daughter in law
- John Forest - back surgery - Pastor Rachel's uncle
- Jo Anne Meyer - broken ribs- Jan Ellwitz's sister
- Ron Witteveen - hospice - Em's grandfather

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Kathy Ott - cancer
- Eric Lehman - cancer
- Marlowe & Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- BJ Stark
- Dianne Zurawski

Those Grieving:

- Family & Friends of Chris Copeland - Jim's uncle.
- Friends of Family of Robert Beam - friend of Paul MacNellis